

CLAIMS

1. A process for preparing an albumin preparation which involves a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane.

5 2. The process for preparing an albumin preparation of claim 1 wherein an albumin-containing solution is subject to a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane before a step of heat treatment in a liquid state.

10 3. The process for preparing an albumin preparation of claim 1 or 2 wherein said virus-removing membrane used in a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane has a pore size of 10 to 20 nm.

15 4. The process for preparing an albumin preparation of any of claims 1 to 3 wherein said process comprises treating the albumin-containing solution with an anion exchanger and/or a prefilter before a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane.

20 5. The process for preparing an albumin preparation of claim 4 wherein said prefilter used in said treatment has a pore size of 35 to 200 nm.

25 6. A process for pretreating an albumin-containing solution before a step of filtration with a virus-removing membrane which comprises treating said albumin-containing solution with an anion exchanger and/or a prefilter before a step of filtration of said albumin-containing solution

with a virus-removing membrane.

7. The process for pretreating an albumin-containing solution of claim 6 wherein said prefilter used in said treatment has a pore size of 35 to 200 nm.